

"Working for quality  
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## **VLV Autumn Schedule 2010**

Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV) the independent watchdog that represents the interests of listeners and viewers across all broadcasting issues, has an autumn schedule of meetings and conferences designed to promote public debate and scrutiny of the many and rapid changes taking place in the media. All events are open to the public at affordable prices and independently chaired. Each provides access to top opinion formers and decision makers, including the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, the Olympics and Sport, the Chair of Channel 4 Television and the Director of BBC Children's Programmes.

**Saturday, 16 October, 3 – 5pm**

### ***Broadcasting Futures: Challenges and Opportunities – a debate***

Speakers include: **Rachel Cooke**, feature writer for the Observer and TV critic for the New Statesman; **Christopher Hall**, Senior Lecturer, Film, TV and Editing, University of Sheffield; and **Paul Allen**, former presenter of Radio 4's Kaleidoscope. Chaired by **Jocelyn Hay**, VLV's Hon President.

Venue: The Showroom, Paternoster Row, Sheffield 1.

Tickets: FREE (for more information please visit <http://www.offtheshelf.org.uk/>)

**Tuesday, 26 October, 6 – 8pm**

### ***VLV Westminster Evening Seminar,***

Speaker: **The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP**, Secretary of State for Culture, Media, the Olympics & Sport.

Venue: Committee Room, House of Commons, London SW1

Tickets: FREE but admittance by ticket only (numbers are restricted)

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6 – 8pm**

### ***Children at the Heart of the BBC's Mission***

**Joe Godwin**, Director of BBC Children's in conversation with **Professor Jeanette Steemers**, University of Westminster Centre for Information Studies

Venue: One Whitehall Place, London SW1

Tickets: Corporates £25; Voluntary Organisations/Academics £12; Students £7.50; VLV Members £12

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2- 6pm**

### ***Broadcasting in Scotland and Wales: the Future***

VLV's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Scottish conference, held in association with Edinburgh Napier and Stirling Universities, will examine broadcasting issues in the two devolved Nations. Key topics include: how should Scottish and Welsh broadcasting develop in the light of policy and public debates of recent years? What impact will the public spending cuts have on Welsh and Scottish broadcasting? What are the implications of these developments for viewers and listeners?

Venue: Netherbow Theatre, Scottish Story-telling Centre, 43 High Street, Edinburgh

Tickets: Corporates £25; Voluntary Organisations/Academics £12; Students £8; VLV Members £12

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**Wednesday, 24 November, 10.30 – 3.30pm**

**VLV's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Conference**

Speakers include:

**10.30am:**

**Patrick Barwise, Professor Emeritus of Management and Marketing, the London Business School** will speak on *Confusions and Delusions about Non-linear TV and why it Matters*.

**11.30am:**

**Lord Burns, Chair of Channel 4 television**, will outline his vision for the future of the Channel as it approaches its third decade.

**12.45pm:**

**Presentation of Prizes for VLV's 2010 Student Essay Competition by Jon Snow, Channel 4 News.**

**4pm:**

**VLV Ltd AGM**

Venue: Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

Tickets: Corporates £199.75; Voluntary Organisations/Academics £99.75; (including buffet lunch)

Students £15

VLV Members £43.50 (including buffet lunch); £32 (excluding buffet lunch)

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Editors' note: Reporters and photographers welcome, please ask for a press pass.

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